



SATURDAY EVENING, SEPT. 8, 1900.

WHEN a country conquers and holds possession of a foreign country, it becomes bound for the debts of the latter, and should pay them. Cuba borrowed two million dollars from Porto Rico to put down her insurgents, and to help the United States went to war to help those insurgents, and then captured Cuba and still holds possession of the whole of that island, the Porto Ricans naturally look to them for the payment of that debt, and want the money badly in order to keep their own people, who have been impoverished by that war, from starving. When this country is well clear of the obligations and worse troubles it incurred by the totally unnecessary, unwarranted and disastrous war it made upon Spain, and by Mr. McKinley's imperial policy, it will have good reason to thank its stars.

EX U. S. SENATOR HILL, in an interview yesterday, stated the differences between the two political parties of this country as mildly, but as tersely, as any other man could possibly have done. He said:

"One party favors large standing armies, immense public expenditures, a government of grandeur and magnificence, high protective tariff, a British colonial policy, great combinations of corporate wealth and a centralized government. The other party favors a continuance of the plain and simple government of our fathers, public expenditures limited to the actual necessities of the government, tariff taxation for public purposes only, an army for defense and not for conquest, and competition in business free from monopolistic combinations."

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SENATOR DEWEY is extolled by his party as a high toned statesman, but that he is a peanut politician is proved by the fact that he says "Europe is for Bryan."

THE annual statistics of New York show that crimes are five times as numerous there now as they were before the war between the States. But such a condition is not surprising. The war and its bounties brought nearly the whole criminal class of the world to this country, and many of them found an abiding place in New York, and like beggars like, and then, too, many of the more vicious negroes of the South have traced their way to New York. History teaches that no war has a good effect, but that all, have evil effects and that they are lasting.

FROM WASHINGTON.
(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)
A woman about 35 years of age this morning called at the White House and insisted on seeing the President. Her manner was excited and her speech somewhat incoherent and disconnected. She said that three of her children had been killed, and that unless she saw the President she would lose her life. When told that she could not see the President she became violently abusive of the officers on guard, and wandered back and forth in the East Room and corridors, mumbling threats. She finally came so much of a nuisance that two officers were called and she was arrested. She resisted with all her strength, struggling and fighting against the south lawn. A carriage had been called and she was placed in it and driven rapidly to the House of Detention. The woman proved to be Rosa Helking, a Russian. She came here two weeks ago. Philadelphia, Mrs. Helking has a son and two daughters living. She will be examined as to her sanity.

President McKinley has received a letter from former President Cleveland declining the place tendered to him on the arbitration commission to be formed under the terms of the Hague treaty. Ex President Harrison, who was tendered a place on the commission at the same time with Mr. Cleveland, has accepted.

Members of the commission to bring about peace and negotiate terms with China will probably be appointed by President McKinley within a few days. The President is becoming tired at the delay and procrastination of the powers. He thinks time enough has elapsed since the occupation of Peking for some move to have been made to open negotiations with the Chinese authorities to secure a settlement of the pending questions. No such move has yet been made.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

A three-sided war in South America among Peru, Chili and the Argentine Republic is threatened.

"Fallures for the week were 145 in the United States against 132 last year, and 24 in Canada, against 30 last year."

President McKinley's letter of acceptance of the republican nomination will be made public Monday morning.

A severe hurricane raged last night along the Louisiana Gulf coast, and at New Orleans the wind blew from forty to sixty miles an hour.

It is stated that the annual report of Comptroller of Currency Dawes will show that the United States leads all other countries in banking.

Senator Donelson Caffery refuses to talk about the nomination for President recently offered him by the "National Party." His friends say he will decline the nomination.

The coroner's jury placed the blame for the fatal wreck at Hatfield, on the Philadelphia and Reading, on the company and some of the officials concerned in the running of the train.

Montgomery, Ala., and Columbus, Ga., have both recently passed ordinances requesting street railways to provide separate accommodations for the colored passengers, either by partitioning the cars or the provision of separate "Jim Crow" cars.

The most recent intelligence from Tientsin states that Dr. T. M. Lin, an assistant surgeon in the United States army, who is a graduate of the University of Medicine, has almost completely recovered from his wounds.

Rev. Lorenzo Waugh, the oldest Methodist minister in the world, died suddenly in the railroad depot at Williamsburg, just after alighting from a train yesterday. He was born in Pocahontas county, W. Va., in 1808, and entered the ministry sixty-eight years ago.

The democratic and silver parties of Nevada effected fusion yesterday and nominated Francis G. Newlands for Congress. The silver party passed a resolution denouncing Senator Stewart, who recently announced that he would support the republican national ticket, and demanding his resignation as Senator.

A terrifying storm of wind, rain, thunder and lightning visited Timesboro Fair, near Baltimore, yesterday, undoing the stand and doing considerable damage. The spectators were drenched. Lightning killed a horse and several people were shocked. The total attendance during the four days of the Baltimore County Fair was 25,000.

Col. Roosevelt's Michigan tour so far is by no means the howling success which Mark Hanna had counted upon.

At Detroit on Thursday night the Rough Rider's reception was distinctly a "frost." The fellow-townsmen of Gen. Russell A. Alger showed marked indifference. The former Secretary of War was conspicuously missing from the scene.

In New York yesterday former Police Commissioner Frank Moss, on behalf of the recently organized Citizens' Protective League, preferred charges against Chief of Police Devery, Inspector Thompson, and Acting Capt. Cooney, of the west Thirty-seventh street station. He accuses them of brutality, neglect of duty, and incompetency in their method of treating the recent race riots in the West Side.

Theophilus Tunis, of Baltimore, president of the company, and H. B. Nichols, of Norfolk, Va., were appointed receivers of the Tunis Lumber Company yesterday in the United States Circuit Court at Baltimore. The Tunis Lumber Company is a millionaires concern operating large plants in Newport News and at Baltimore, with smaller mills scattered throughout its thousands of acres of timber land in North Carolina. Mr. H. Clay Tunis, wholesale lumber dealer, also made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors on Thursday to George W. Courtney in the record office of the Superior Court, in Baltimore. The bond was fixed at \$25,000.

THE CHINESE TROUBLES.

There is reason to believe that the United States is paving the way for opening negotiations with the Chinese Government for a settlement of questions pending between it and the powers. Wu Ting-fang, Chinese Minister to the United States, arrived in Washington yesterday afternoon from Cape May, N. J., and without waiting to go to the Chinese Legation drove at once to the State Department, where he is in conference for an hour with Acting Secretary Hill. Soon after his departure Dr. Hill went to the White House, where he was closeted with the President. Subsequently Dr. Hill was in communication with Minister Takahira, of the Japanese Legation. None of the officials would discuss the meaning of these calls, though it was stated that Minister Wu presented no new propositions to this Government nor did this Government present any new proposition to him. It is understood, however, that the authorities are preparing for a resumption of communication with Li Hung Chang, and through him with the Imperial Government. Besides the United States, Japan is willing to accept Li as one of the peace envoys of China, but prefers that a Chinese commission be appointed to confer with representatives from the powers. In anticipation of the announcement of this desire Li Hung Chang recently memorialized the Throne, with the result that other progressive Chinese were designated to assist him to bring about peace.

A Cabinet official says that this government is still trying to learn the intention of the other powers. The United States seeks order and peace in China, but it is feared that there are other governments which have ulterior motives.

It was reported in Vienna official circles that Russia had agreed to a compromise, leaving a portion of the troops in Peking and sending the main body to Tientsin.

It has become definitely known in London that the British government opposes the withdrawal of troops from Peking.

Germany will make the strongest naval demonstration ever made at Shanghai, viz.: 10 warships with 156 guns and 3,200 men.

List of Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of the letters remaining in the Alexandria, Va., postoffice September 8:
Alexander, J. B. Howland, Jennie W.
Debon, Annie Johnson, Miss Lucy
Galahorn, M. Lewis, F. B.
Grossman, Henry Nelson, Mrs. Maggie
Howell, O. H. Tyler, West
JOS. L. GRUBBER, P. M.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mr. Clifford Barbee, now a resident of New York city, and Miss Julia Randolph Lee, of Clarke county, will be married at White Post on September 12.

The Port Conway cannery factory, in King George county, of which H. V. Turner is president, was unable to get tomatoes this season on account of the failure of the crop, and is canning the large peach crop in that section.

The sessions of the Winchester Presbytery held there since Tuesday were concluded yesterday with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Presbyterianism in Winchester. Large numbers of visiting clergymen and Presbyterians were present from this and other States, and the exercises were of a very interesting character. The first Presbyterian church in the valley of Virginia was formally organized in Winchester September 7, 1800, with the late Rev. Dr. William Hill as pastor.

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SOLDIERS' HOME AT HAMPTON.
[From the Lynchburg News-Herald.]

Here's we with nothing to do
And nothing in view,
We'll roam about
In our souls of blue.
To live by the sweat
Of the toiling masses,
And drink our foam
From puny glasses.

This is just the situation at the National Soldiers' Home, at Hampton, Va., and nothing makes me feel more proud than to know that the brave Confederate soldiers would scorn such a life of idleness. Even if our southern States were able to provide for every man who saw service during the dark days of sixty-one, there is too much spirit and independence in the hearts of our people for them to live a life of idleness. Therefore none but the aged, crippled and afflicted who were totally unable to work would ever accept charity. But such is not the case at the National Soldiers' Home, for there out of the four thousand inmates more than three-fourths of them are more able to work than nine-tenths of the people who are working to support them. In fact, I look upon the National Soldiers' Home as a national disgrace, and I am ashamed to find that the Government is doing nothing to remedy it.

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Foreign News.
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Capetown, Sept. 8.—Englishmen are chagrined because the Americans have again outbid them for an important contract. The Rand mine companies asked for bids for 300 coal trucks upon which the Americans outbid the British both in price and time of delivery. The contracts call for an expenditure of \$75,000.

Melbourne, Sept. 8.—The blacks in the interior of New South Wales have risen and murder and rapine are following in their footsteps. Many settlers living at remote points have been massacred and their homes have been given over to the torch. Women and children have not been spared. The riot is spreading rapidly.

Naples, Sept. 8.—The contest between the church and the State because of the refusal of the Vatican to permit the recitation of Queen Marguerite's prayer for her husband, the late King Humbert, has reached the riotous stage. The bishop of Andria refused today to recite the prayer and was followed through the streets by a hissing mob. The police escorted the bishop out of the city and the authorities stopped his secular stipend. The Vatican has protested against this action.

Rome, Sept. 8.—Signor Puccini, the composer, is preparing to write an opera based on Belasco's version of Madame Butterfly.

Glasgow, Sept. 8.—The number of cases of bubonic plague is increasing. It was officially announced today that two new cases have been discovered. One victim is located on the south side of the city. There are now sixteen persons in the hospitals suffering from the dread disease. More than 100 persons are under observation.

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Drought and Forest Fires.

Bangor Me., Sept. 8.—The long drought in eastern Maine, covering a period of over two months, has resulted in a series of forest fires which are now raging fiercely in many sections, and which are destroying vast tracts of valuable timber land. Several small towns are in danger of destruction, and their residents are working night and day to check the flames and save their homes. The towns of Franklin and Hancock are in danger of destruction. This fire has spread toward the city of Ellsworth, and is within a short distance of Senator Hale's residence. At South Brooksfield the fire is traveling faster than a man can run and the property which has been raging all the week in Argyle and Lagrange is now sweeping toward Alton, and several sets of farm buildings have been destroyed. In western Piscataquis county a fire has swept over Chebogue destroyed hundreds of tons of hay and a large amount of timber.

Words come from Ashland in Aroostook county that an immense fire is raging in the vicinity of Big Macchia Lake, and that a vast tract of valuable timber land has been burned over. The situation throughout the region where the fires are burning is critical in the extreme. An alarming feature is a high wind which has prevailed for the past 12 hours. There is no indication of rain.

Trains Stopped by Deer Herds.
Glenwood Springs, Col., Sept. 8.—Great droves of deer are crossing the tracks between Grand Junction and Glenwood Springs, and at times they interfere with passing trains. There are from 10,000 to 20,000 animals in one herd, and when this was passing the road was blocked for nearly two hours. These, during the summer, are scattered over the mountains or tablelands of Routt and Rio Blanco counties. As winter approaches they collect in immense herds and start for the winter pastures and seek licks several hundred miles to the south. Deer headed for their wintering ground rush irresistibly over everything in their path. If the leaders hesitate the immense body in rear would rush over them.

New York Democrats.
New York, Sept. 8.—The exodus of the democratic leaders to Saratoga to attend the democratic State convention on Tuesday has begun in earnest and as a consequence the situation today is unchanged. On Monday night at 8 o'clock the State committee will meet to appoint the temporary officers of the convention. State Senator McCareen, of Brooklyn, will be made temporary chairman and it is believed that ex-Senator George Raines, of Rochester, will be selected to fill the post of permanent chairman. Mayor McGuire said this morning that Mr. Croker was in complete control of the situation and he would not permit his name to be offered as temporary chairman, as had been suggested.

Deutschland Leads the Kaiser.
New York, Sept. 8.—The British steamship Critic from Dundee arrived last night. Captain Griffin reported that on September 5 his ship passed the Deutschland and the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. The Deutschland was about two miles ahead. The Kaiser and the Deutschland sailed from this port last Tuesday morning, the Kaiser having one hour's start. These two are the swiftest ocean steamships afloat. Captain Griffin's report justifies the expectation that the Deutschland would win. In the first day's run she must have made at least twenty knots more than her rival.

Prayer Heals a Cripple.
Allentown, Pa., Sept. 8.—Prayer and faith have done for Annie Reese, of this city, what years of medical treatment failed to do. In 1894 she fell and broke her leg, and has been a cripple ever since. She suffered great pains and this week she concluded to be anointed at the Menonite camp meeting at Macungie. She went to the altar and after the pastor in charge had read from the Bible the wonderful cure performed in the time of Christ, the brethren and sisters prayed over the suppliant, who at the end of an hour jumped to her feet completely healed.

A Gigantic Electric Plant.
San Francisco, Sept. 8.—Fifteen hundred men are rushing to completion the longest and largest electric transmission plant in the world by means of which the water from the mountain lakes and streams of the Sierra mountains will be made to furnish power to the cities of San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose and Stockton. The voltage produced will be 50,000. The United States will have the highest in the world, and 14,000 horse power will be supplied constantly over 130 miles of double wire.

Jumped the Track.
Cleveland, O., Sept. 8.—While rounding a sharp curve a trolley car that runs between the Cleveland city limits and the suburb of Lyndale, jumped the track last evening, and nine of the 12 passengers and the conductor were more or less seriously injured, though none fatally. The passengers were thrown into a heap in the front end of the car. The accident was caused, according to passengers, by the high speed at which the car was sent around the curve.

Weather Conditions and Forecast.
Washington, Sept. 8.—The tropical storm has continued its westward movement and is still central in the Gulf of Mexico, apparently a short distance from the Texas coast. Generally fair weather is indicated for tonight and Sunday. Temperature changes will not be marked. On the Atlantic coast the winds will be light to fresh and mostly easterly.

Alleged Plot to Kill the Pope.
Rome, Sept. 8.—The Perseveranza states that a plot to murder Pope Leo has been discovered and frustrated. The plot was hatched, according to the paper, in America. The Perseveranza declares it has reports that a council of anarchists sits in America which condemns people to death. As a result of the alleged plot, the Vatican guards are taking extra precautions to protect the Pope.

The Situation in China.
Hong Kong, Sept. 8.—The prefect of Yow Chow has sent 400 native soldiers to quell disorders at Taiping. General Ma with 1,000 troops are preserving order at Lung Chow. Chinese officials in many parts of the empire are now making real efforts to restore order.

The Markers.
Chicago, Sept. 8.—The market closed as follows: Wheat—Oct 73 3/4-73 3/4. Georgetown, Sept. 8.—Wheat 65 1/2.

Robinson's story.
San Francisco, Sept. 8.—A Robinson Crusoe story is told by a young German sailor, August Schmagre, who has just reached here on the French bark Anjou. Schmagre is known as "The Prince of Magasa," as he married the dusky daughter of a chief who is now the principal owner of Magasa Island in the Caroline group. Schmagre left this port on a whaler in 1888. The vessel was wrecked on one of the Caroline Islands, but all hands were saved, and the captain and the crew went home in the schooner Ruth. The young German remained on the island. Soon afterwards he reached another island in the group and was adopted by the king of the natives, afterwards marrying the daughter of one of his chiefs. Life grew monotonous to Schmagre and he shipped for this city.

Probable Murder.
Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 8.—William H. Matthews, a colored grand army veteran, of this city, was found dead along the roadside at Risleytown early this morning. He was evidently murdered. His head was crushed in and two bloodstained boards were found near the body. The motive for the murder is unknown, but it is supposed that it is the result of a quarrel. Local voices were heard by people in the neighborhood shortly before the body was found. Matthews had been visiting his mother and had left her only a few minutes before. The dead man was well known in colored church circles.

Workman Killed.
New Castle, Pa., Sept. 8.—Herman C. Johnson was instantly killed at the Duquesne Paper Company plant this morning, through the bursting of a steam pipe which he was repairing. Johnson was blown off the platform and struck a beam 30 feet away. His head was literally split open and he died instantly. Another man was working with him but escaped with only a slight burn on the leg.

DON'T WANT TO HEAR MISS JEWETT.
Rev. W. F. Graham, pastor of the Fifth Street Baptist Church (colored), in Richmond, was asked yesterday what, in his opinion, was the feeling among the colored people of the city concerning the proposition of Miss Lillian Clayton Jewett, the Boston anti-slavery agitator, to go to Richmond and make one of her famous speeches. The preacher said:

"The colored people of Richmond don't want any of that sort of thing, and they do not want Miss Jewett here any more than do the whites. I don't believe that she would go and make her